

Personal Mention

At Vinco, Pa., J. L. Bowman reports two accessions to the church.

At Morrison's Grove, Ohio, where Brother Loose preaches, six have recently been added to the church.

Notes by Brother Yoder on the topics for June 23 and 30 appear in this issue, there having been no paper last week.

Sister J. M. Olinger, Meyersdale, Pa., who has for some time been sick is at this writing improving which is good news to her many friends who hope for her full recovery.

Brother Lyon's communications are always helpful because they are full of hope. He is one of those hopeful persons who can see some of the bright things in life as well as the dark.

In his last communication Brother Cassel reports his wife somewhat improved in health for which we are glad and rejoice with him. May the Lord bless her and restore her to full health.

The question, "Why I am a Member of the Brethren Church", is answered in this issue by Brethren Brown, Rench, Beer, Teeter and Moomaw. We shall be glad to have others write on the same subject.

A new mission point has been established by Brother Lyon, at Linwood, Md., not very far from Washington. A few nights' meeting there resulted in four conversions, one of whom has been baptized.

Brother Keller reports two accessions to the church in his field of labor, and judging from his communication his field is a large one and makes many demands upon him. He is certainly a very busy man.

Since his last communication to the EVANGELIST Brother Darling has received five into the Pittsburgh church of which he is pastor. The work in that city is well organized and led by a very efficient man in Brother Darling.

How is it, Brother Reichard? Sister Shaw, Hagerstown, Md., would like to know whether you are really too busy to write for the EVANGELIST? We are not able to answer that question for you, and must therefore refer it to you.

Brother M. E. Hoover, Mount Olive, W. Va., writes that Sister Sterling, of Masontown, Pa., visited that place held a few meetings, received three into full fellowship of the church, and closed with a very pleasant communion service.

Brother Furry and wife are enjoying their vacation at Sharpsburg, Md., where they will remain until about the first week in August. Prof. Furry expects to attend the Bible Conference at Winona, and after that our own Conference which will be held there as usual the latter part of August.

Of a recent number of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, Brother Gillin writes: "I congratulate you on the excellent number. Symposium fine, Rench's articles O. K., Livengood's sermon splendid." In behalf of the contributors to the issue of the paper referred to we write "Thanks."

At his last appointment at Oakville, Indiana, Brother Fox, the pastor received one into fellowship by baptism. A very pleasant and well attended business meeting was held and lots cast for an elder and deacon. Brother Fox was chosen pastor for another year, commencing October 1, and taking one-half of his time. The other half of his time is not yet taken. This is an opportunity for some pastorless congregation if in reach.

Sister Alma Leslie, daughter of brother Guilford Leslie, a former student at Ashland College, attended Commencement exercises, spending a few weeks visiting at the home of the editor. Her visit was much appreciated and enjoyed by all the members of the family, and we trust it was equally pleasant to her.

The churches of Indiana will be interested in the report of the Mission Board of that State by brother W. H. Miller. The report is a good one, better than that of any other State so far as we have knowledge on the subject. The Board set its aim at \$1,000 and a special effort will be made to reach the amount. We trust the people of Indiana will support the Board in a united effort and that next Conference will be able to report the entire amount raised.

We are in receipt of the following communication from Brother Hopkins: "After a very pleasant communion service last Saturday evening at Loree, Indiana, we gave an invitation and two more were added to our number from the German Baptist Brethren, a man and wife. It encourages us to see them coming at our regular appointments, it gives the church new zeal, and then it is an evidence that the church is in good working order. Oh, could we get all our congregations to realize the power there is in union of effort, and that God will not entrust us with other souls if we are not taking care of the ones he has given us." That is very true, Brother Hopkins, and probably one reason why some of our congregations are not enlarging their borders is because pastors are not properly caring for the souls God has already given them.

Thru the invitation of Brother Grabill of the Highland congregation, Washington Co., Pa., Brother Hazlett, of the Salisbury congregation, held a few nights' meeting and closed with a love feast on Friday night. The class is greatly in need of a pastor and should have the help of all who are able to minister to them the word of eternal life. Saturday evening Brother Hazlett came to Uniontown, drove five miles to the foot of "Laurel Ridge" and there, in a beautiful mountain stream, baptized and received into fellowship of the Uniontown mission an excellent young lady. Thus the work at that place is growing in numbers and spiritual power. When last heard from Brother Hazlett was holding forth the word at the "Grove" building as it is impossible to secure a room or hall for worship. Services were well attended and interest good.

Those who are interested in the missions of the church, and every member ought to be, will do well to read the report by Brother Cassel in this issue. From this report it appears that the Board is about \$400 behind in its obligations. This is no fault of the Board's but of the churches who gave them this work to do. The year's work closes August 1, and there remains therefore less than two months in which to make up this deficiency, and at the same time meet the expenses of the two months. There should be a hearty and liberal response to the call of the Board for more funds so that by August 1, every dollar of indebtedness can be paid and the work start anew. Is it fair and is it reasonable that Brethren Lyon and Talley should carry that \$400, when for each of 400 persons it would mean but \$1.00 each? How much easier for you, dear brother, to pay one dollar, than for one of our missionaries to carry \$400. Think on these things, will you, please?

What brother Samuel Lichty, Falls City, Neb., writes in last week's paper about attending our conference applies equally to State and National

Conferences. Sometimes it is argued that these Conferences involve too much of an expense, that this money could be devoted to a better purpose. Replying to this objection it is safe to say that the burden of the expense of the church is borne by those who attend these conferences, with however, some very notable exceptions. A German Baptist brother present at the late Annual Meeting of that body held in Lincoln, Nebraska, announces that not less than 95 per cent. of those present at that meeting were subscribers and readers of the *Gospel Messenger*, the official organ of that church. It is doubtful, whether, at our National Conference, there is a single delegate who is not a subscriber of the EVANGELIST, and in fact it is our honest conviction that a brother who does not read his own church paper is not qualified to represent a congregation of that body in conference.

Among the visitors in attendance at the Commencement Exercises of Ashland College at the close of the school year we name the following: J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Keim, Louisville, Ohio; C. E. Deffenbaugh, Glenford, Ohio; Frank Garber, Ankenytown, Ohio; E. D. Burnworth, pastor of the Glenford congregation; Wm. Beachler, pastor of the Miamisburg congregation, the two latter having been students at the College during the last year, except the spring term, we are glad to note that they have made arrangements to return next fall; Perry Clapper, Louisville, Ohio, and D. J. Myers and son, Homerville, Ohio, were also present. It is possible that there were other visitors in attendance whose names we do not think of at this writing. All expressed themselves as well pleased with the exercises of the evening. The time is coming when the closing exercises of Ashland College will be a great day for the whole brotherhood. In two or three years representatives of pastorless churches will be on the ground looking for preachers. Then will their hearts rejoice because they have taken an endowment pledge.

It was our privilege to be present at the conference held at St. James, Md., May 20, representing three states, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. We left home on Monday night reaching Pittsburgh the next morning. Tuesday was very pleasantly spent with Brother Wise visiting some of the most interesting places in the city. At noon Brother Wise decided to accompany us to the conference, and Tuesday night we left Pittsburgh and the next morning at nine o'clock found us in Hagerstown, Maryland. The remainder of the forenoon was very pleasantly spent with Brother Tombaugh, pastor of the Brethren church in that city. The conference met in the afternoon at St. James, a little village about seven miles from Hagerstown. For some reason the attendance was very small, yet those present entered upon the work in good spirits, and some very helpful topics were discussed in an interesting way. But very few of the churches of the district were represented, and naturally there was less enthusiasm than if there had been a larger representation. Nevertheless be it said to the credit of those present a good work was done, some excellent thoughts presented, and the one thing to be regretted is that not a larger number of delegates was in attendance so that these thoughts and suggestions might have been carried home to the churches of the district. The work of our state conferences is designed to help the congregations of the district in which the conference is held, and usually the subjects discussed and the business transacted are such as the needs of that district suggest. If therefore the churches are not represented the very object of the conference is defeated. Where